

Title (en)

Pre-metal deposition cleaning for bipolar semiconductors.

Title (de)

Reinigung vor der Metallabscheidung für bipolare Halbleiter.

Title (fr)

Nettoyage avant dépôt de métal pour semi-conducteurs bipolaires.

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Abstract (en)

A pre-metal deposition cleaning process for bipolar semiconductors includes a two step boron glass etching procedure: a chemical etchant consisting of DI, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, HNO<sub>3</sub> and HCl (500:65:325:163) heated to 80 deg. C followed by a 10:1 (DI:HF) dip. The semiconductor wafer is then annealed in forming gas. Then the boron glass etching procedure is repeated. The initial etch removes any fluorine clustered under the boron skin, and the final etch removes any retained B-Si-O-F phase from the anneal step. The cleaning procedure produces bipolar semiconductors with low V<sub>be</sub>. The procedure can also be used for rework of high V<sub>be</sub> wafers without the anneal and the second boron glass etch steps.

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